

**MINUTES OF THE COMMITTEE  
ON  
HEALTH POLICY**

Tuesday, May 16, 2006

10:30 a.m.

Room 521 House Office Building

The House Standing Committee on Health Policy was called to order by the Chair.

Members present: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer, Clack.

Members absent/excused: Reps. Kahn.

Representative Vander Veen moved to approve the minutes of the May 9, 2006 meeting.

Representative Adamini supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

The Chair laid HB 5962 before the committee.

**HB 5962 Hune** Insurance; health care corporations; provision regarding compliance with health insurance portability and accountability act (HIPPA) privacy rule; include.

Representative Joe Hune, sponsor of HB 5962, testified in support of the bill.

Mark Cook and Thomas Ruane of Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Michigan testified in support of the bill.

Brian Sydnor of the Office of Financial and Insurance Services testified in support of the bill. Mr. Sydnor also submitted written testimony.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Dave Finkbeiner of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.

Brian Broderick of the Economic Alliance For Michigan.

Representative Robertson moved to report HB 5962 with recommendation. Representative Adamini supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 14-0-0.**

**FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Angerer, Clack.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair laid SB 1198 before the committee.

**SB 1198 Scott** Human services; medical services; lead testing for WIC recipients; require.

Senator Martha Scott, sponsor of SB 1198, testified in support of the bill.

Christine Shearer and Marilyn Legacy of the Michigan Association of Health Plans testified in support of the bills. Ms. Shearer and Ms. Legacy also submitted written testimony.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bill, but did not wish to testify:

Ron Hicks of the Michigan Department of Human Services.

Louise Somalski of the American Federation of Teachers of Michigan.

Meghan Swain of the Michigan Nurses Association.

Representative Mortimer moved to report SB 1198 with recommendation. Representative Angerer supported the motion. **The motion prevailed 16-0-0.**

#### **FAVORABLE ROLL CALL**

**Yeas: Reps. Gaffney, Newell, Robertson, Vander Veen, Hune, Ward, Nofs, Ball, Green, Mortimer, Adamini, Wojno, McDowell, Gleason, Angerer, Clack.**

**Nays: None.**

**Pass: None.**

The Chair laid SB 465, SB 466, SB 467, and SB 468 before the committee.

**SB 465 Jacobs** Health; medical records; provision for the protection, retention, and maintenance of medical records; implement.

**SB 466 Patterson** Human services; other; requirement to protect, maintain, retain, and dispose of patient medical records and other individually identifying information; establish.

**SB 467 George** Health; genetics; written authorization for disclosure of genetic information; require.

**SB 468 Cherry** Civil rights; public records; protected health information; exempt from disclosure under freedom of information act.

Curtis Hertel Jr. and Denise Chrysler of the Michigan Department of Community Health testified in support of the bills. Questions and discussion among committee members followed.

Larry Kish of Life Insurance Association of Michigan testified in support of SB 467.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of the bills, but did not wish to testify:

Matt Levin of Senator Jacobs's office.

Dave Finkbeiner of the Michigan Health and Hospital Association.  
Meghan Swain of the Michigan Nurses Association.

The following individuals submitted cards in support of SB 467, but did not wish to testify:

Jill Costello of Senator George's office.  
Frank Venuto of the American Council of Life Insurers.  
Amy Olszewski of Gift Of Life Michigan.

Representative Vander Veen moved to excuse the absence of Representative Kahn.  
Representative Angerer supported the motion. There being no objection, the motion prevailed by unanimous consent.

There being no further business before the committee, the Chair adjourned the meeting at 11:14 a.m.

**Representative Edward Gaffney, Chair** \_\_\_\_\_

Dan Stump, Committee Clerk.  
House Health Policy Committee, (517) 373-5795